Appendix.

[*Vide* answer to Starred Question No. 51 on page 267–267]

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) The following steps have been taken by the Government to relieve the difficulties of the weavers in the co-operative sector :—

(1) The Government have sanctioned a temporary advance of Rs. 50 lakhs to the Tamilnadu Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society for the purose of increased procurement of handloom cloth produced by the primary weavers' co-operative societies including silk, artsilk and other non-cotton and mixed fabrics.

(2) Government have increased the rate of rebate on wholesale sales of handloom cloth made by Weavers' Co-operative Production Societies from 3 Paise to 5 Paise for the period from 1st June 1965 to 31st July 1965.

(3) Consumers' Co-operatives are also given reimbursement of rebate of 5 Paise in the rupee in respect of the sales of handloom cloth procured by them from Weavers' Co-operative Societies for the period from 1st June 1965 to 31st July 1965.

(4) Sale of silk and artsilk, mixed, non-cotton fabrics made by Weavers' co-operative production societies are also made eligible for the rebate of 5 Paise in the rupee for the period from 1st June 1965 to 31st July 1965.

(ii) No.